

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL SESSION
August 18, 2003**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 9:00 a.m., August 18, 2003, in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Fulton Brock, Chairman, District 1; Andy Kunasek, Vice Chairman, District 3; Don Stapley, District 2, Max W. Wilson, District 4, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

MARICOPA COUNTY LEVY OF TAXES FOR FY 2003-2004 SET

Maricopa County Resolution – Levy Of Taxes For FY 2003-2004 – The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors resolves as follows: (C49040028) (ADM1815)

Based on the budget it has duly adopted for Maricopa County and the budget adopted by the Maricopa County Flood Control District Board of Directors, it fixes and determines the following Calendar Year 2003 tax rate for Maricopa County and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County as follows: (ADM1900)

- FY 2003-04 Maricopa County Primary Tax Rate at \$1.2108/\$100 of assessed valuation with a levy of \$308,122,580;
- FY 2003-04 Maricopa County Secondary Debt Service Tax Rate at \$0.0700/\$100 of assessed valuation with a levy of \$19,234,591; and
- FY 2003-04 Flood Control District (FCD) Secondary Tax Rate at \$0.2119/\$100 assessed valuation with a levy of \$51,153,993

Chris Bradley announced that this is the legally appointed date for the Board to adopt the tax rates and levies for the County including the Primary Levy which supports the General Fund, the Secondary Property Tax Levy and the secondary Flood Control District Tax Rate and Levy.

Chairman Brock remarked on the amount of work that goes into establishing these rates and asked for a short discussion on the Secondary and FCD rates.

Mr. Bradley said the Secondary Debt Service rate is based on the final determination of the amount that is necessary to pay off annual debt, and the most recent information and numbers received from the Salt River Project regarding their payment in lieu of taxes.

Supervisor Kunasek referenced the \$19 million Secondary Debt Service payment and asked if this would be paid off in the next year, which would free up the seven-cent assessment. Mr. Bradley agreed that this would be the last year of payments on the general obligation fund debt payment. Supervisor Kunasek remarked on the County's steadfast debt resolution policy and said, "There aren't many governments that have been able to cut up credit cards in these tough times."

Chairman Brock referenced recent questions that have been received on the County's tax rate and methods used to figure it and said that he was satisfied that this is reasonable considering the enormous growth being experienced by the County. In comparison to other large urban counties west of the Mississippi he feels that management is doing an excellent job of generating government services in terms of efficient delivery to the public with the monies and staff available. He said that the County's 44 departments and the elected officials have all cooperated with the Office of Management and Budget by cutting departmental budgets and are still delivering fair and efficient government to the public.

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Motion was made by Supervisor Stapley, seconded by Supervisor Wilcox, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve item a) setting the tax rate for Maricopa County and the Flood Control District, as given above.

Mr. Bradley presented the Board with the remaining sections of the resolution as follows:

Based on the amount of taxes to be raised by property taxation determined by each governmental entity set forth in the "Maricopa County 2003 Tax Levy Packet" (attached), the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has calculated the numerical tax rates necessary to raise the requested revenues, and pursuant to the direction of each such government entity, levies the amount of taxes and sets the resulting tax rate, all as set forth in the "Maricopa County 2003 Tax Levy Packet", and (ADM1815)

As required by statute the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has calculated, and therefore levies the amount of taxes and sets the resulting tax rates for specific statutory purposes as set forth in the "Maricopa County 2002 Tax Levy Packet", and (ADM1815)

Pursuant to A.R.S. §42-18003, the Maricopa County Treasurer is directed to collect taxes as required by law from the persons listed on the tax roll. (ADM4009)

Motion was made by Supervisor Stapley, seconded by Supervisor Kunasek, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve all tax rates and levies as set forth in the Maricopa County Tax Levy Packet; and to collect taxes as specified above.

FY 2003-04 STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SECONDARY ROLL TAX RATES

Items: Amend Street Lighting Improvement District budgets as indicated on the attached list and set the FY 2003-04 Street Lighting Improvement District Secondary Roll Tax Rates and corresponding levies as shown on the attachment. (C49040040) (ADM1815)

Pursuant to ARS §42-18003, it is resolved by the Maricopa County Board of Directors that the Maricopa County Treasurer shall collect taxes as is required by law from the persons named on the tax roll. (ADM4009)

Motion was made by Director Kunasek, seconded by Director Stapley, and unanimously carried (5-0) to amend the budgets as indicated; set the tax rates and corresponding levies; and to collect taxes for the Improvement Districts, as stated above.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board